

DIVIDENDS.
OFFICE GRANITE INSURANCE COMPANY.
January 2, 1877.
The DIRECTORS of this COMPANY have declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT, payable on and after JANUARY 10, 1877.
J. W. PEYTON, Secretary.

CITY BANK OF RICHMOND, VA.
January 2, 1877.
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EDWARD COHEN, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND, VA.
December 27, 1876.
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HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. CHRISTIAN, JR., deceased, I hereby give notice that all persons having claims against the said estate will please present them to me, properly authenticated, on or before JANUARY 10, 1877.
WILLIAM H. CHRISTIAN, JR., Administrator.

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Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1877.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

WEATHER REPORT.
PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—Washington, January 3.—For the South Atlantic States, rising followed by falling barometer, westerly to southwesterly winds, and slightly warmer, clearer, partly cloudy weather will prevail.

For the Gulf States, stationary and rising followed by falling barometer, westerly to southerly winds, generally warmer and clear weather.

For the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, rising followed by falling barometer, westerly winds, shifting to warmer southerly and to night occasional light snows, but on Thursday generally clear weather.

For the Middle States, rising barometer, northwest to southwest winds, and continued clear, clear, and slightly warmer, with rising temperature and slowly falling barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and cold. The river and canal are now entirely closed by the ice.

Thermometer yesterday: 6 A. M., 16°; 9 A. M., 21°; noon, 29°; 3 P. M., 31°; 6 P. M., 27°; midnight, 16°.

The Snow-Storm Along the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)
RICHMOND, January 2, 1877.

I may say I "was out" in yesterday's snow-storm. I left Richmond by the 8 A. M. train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad for Alexandria, the weather being raining, cool, and only partly cloudy.

At Ashland the sky was overcast and laden. As we passed "five minutes for refreshments" at Milford, the snow-storm, rushing from the south, overtook us. It came on like ten thousand old women picking elder-buds for a wager, and in half a minute the snow was piled up to our knees.

Snow, snow, nothing but snow, all the afternoon, and when I stepped aboard the returning train at 6 P. M. it seemed to be coming down faster than ever, and was tossed into heavy drifts behind ditches, banks, and around house-corners. But the cars were snug and warm, and it was a comfortable reflection, as I settled down into a seat, that in five hours I should be under the antiquated but cheerful gas-lamps of Richmond. Between Alexandria and Quantico there are no deep cuts, and we arrived at the latter place in good time. Here we expected to change engines, and then hasten homeward speedily and safely over one of the best equipped and best managed roads in the country.

No horrid iron Howe-truss bridges to haunt our imaginations and make us afraid. But we quickly learned to our regret that the locomotives were not so well equipped as we had expected. The dry snow having drifted heavily in the many deep cuts between Quantico and Milford, two engines, with a snow-plow, had been dispatched to clear the way, and our train was to await their return. Two hours passed and brought no relief. At last, however, the telegraph announced that they had left Milford at 3:25 P. M., but had not reached Fredericksburg. Somewhat later we learned through the same agency that they had passed Fredericksburg, and were moving to our relief. All this time the snow was falling, and the locomotives, which were behind and snowed out, discussed the chances of getting a start before morning. Major Myers telegraphed the conductor, Captain Stratton, to make the passengers comfortable. There was a hotel two hundred yards away, but we preferred to stay where we were, and the conductor, Captain Stratton, to make the passengers comfortable. There was a hotel two hundred yards away, but we preferred to stay where we were, and the conductor, Captain Stratton, to make the passengers comfortable.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

MORE DIVIDENDS.—Since our last notice the following institutions have declared semi-annual dividends, free of all taxes: The Virginia Home Insurance Company—D. J. Hartsock, president, and B. C. Wherry, Jr., secretary—makes its regular six-per-cent, division of profits to its stockholders, adds largely to its surplus, and looks up assets to the amount of \$200,000.

The Granite Insurance Company—G. C. Walker, president, and T. G. Peyton, secretary—declares a dividend of five per cent, and shows assets amounting to over \$240,000. This is a solid and prosperous company.

The City Bank of Richmond—James H. Gardner, president, and Edward Cohen, cashier—makes a dividend of four per cent. Its capital and surplus fund exceeds \$140,000. As a bank of deposit and a savings institution it has won the confidence of our community, and deserves the liberal patronage it receives.

ICE IN THE RIVER.—MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.—ICE-BOUND VESSELS.—The Philadelphia steamer Alliance, Captain Carr, arrived here on Tuesday night. She reports the ice in the Delaware breakwater horse-shoe as being very heavy. The first ice from the James river was at Hog Island. From that point to Richmond she found it difficult to make her way on account of the ice, especially at Turkey-Island bend, Dutch Gap, and at Aiken's.

The Alliance also reports having passed the Baltimore steamer, the Roanoke, above City Point. The Roanoke came up as far as Curl's Neck, seven miles this side of City Point, and then returned, not being able to make her way through the ice. Captain Carr states that he left City Point at 1 P. M. Tuesday and arrived here at 10 P. M. Tuesday—nine hours; a trip that he generally makes in three and a half hours. At some points he was delayed more than two hours; and the only way he could make his way through the ice was to get a good headway and cut a passage-way foot by foot.

At Jones's wharf, Surry county, the river is frozen over, and the ice is so thick that persons are able to walk across. The steamship Old Dominion sailed again yesterday for New York.

The following is a list of the vessels that are ice-bound at this port. Nearly all are loaded and ready to depart: Brig Mary Allerton, Burgess, discharging.

Brig Meta, Strang, cleared for Bahia. Schooners: Lottie, Sallie Courser, L. T. Whitmore, Zuleta Kenyon, C. W. Holt, Maria Pierson, Mignonette, William Mack, Jacob Biddell, G. S. Van Slyck, and Mary Morris.

The skating on the river was pretty good yesterday.

TO PREVENT OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF CORPORATIONS FROM BECOMING CONTRACTORS WITH THE STATE.—The full text of the bill introduced in the House by Governor Smith to prohibit and prevent officers and agents of corporations from becoming contractors with said corporations.

"Be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any member of the Council or Board of Supervisors, or any officer or agent, including commissioners appointed for the opening of streets, of any city or other incorporated town, to be a contractor with the said corporation for any work or labor ordered to be done, or goods, wares, or merchandise, or supplies of any kind ordered, or any contract to be purchased, or in any manner, directly or indirectly, interested in the profits of any such contract; and every contract made in violation of this act shall be utterly void, and the officer or agent making it shall forfeit and pay to the State the full amount of money expended by or for the corporation in carrying out by motion in the Circuit Court having jurisdiction over the said corporation.

"This act shall be in force from its passage."

PERSONAL.—General Joseph E. Johnston has located here to take charge of large insurance interests. He has rented a house on Grace street between First and Second.

Mr. Meade C. Kemper, son and late secretary of the Governor, has returned to the city, and will complete his medical studies before some months ago.

Major Samuel H. Boykin, Register of the Land Office and Superintendent of Public Buildings, was quite sick yesterday, and his friends fear that he has suffered a relapse.

The Committee on Revision of the Criminal Law, through its clerk to-morrow, will have several applicants.

The Governor has refused a pardon to Peter Keller, of Petersburg, who is under sentence of three months' imprisonment for petit larceny.

Hon. R. B. Vance, Hon. I. J. Davis, and General M. W. Ransom, of North Carolina, yesterday left this city for Washington.

The professors of the University have been invited to send to the clerk of the House Committee on Schools and Colleges their views in relation to the bill proposing to permit the Board of Visitors to fix the salaries of the faculty.

A young lady, and Mr. Henry McCance, who had been the corner of Third and Franklin streets yesterday, the lady was severely cut about the face and head, and the gentleman was slightly bruised. They were taken into the residence of Mrs. Aylett and kindly cared for.

Judge Hughes entered a number of orders in bankruptcy yesterday, and will leave to-day for Alexandria to hold court.

Senator Edgar Allan denies that he wants the postmastership of Petersburg, and states that if it were offered him he would decline it.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WEDNESDAY.—Judge Hughes presiding. Judge Hughes arrived in the city yesterday, and made the following orders:

In the matter of Henry O. Moss, E. R. Moss, and J. H. Moss, petitioners, against the United States, for the recovery of a free trade, I will say as is clear a little fellow, as efficient a host, as is to be met with in a day's railroad travel.

After breakfast we learned that relief would be sent us from Richmond, and that the announcement would be made by the train, and we were not disappointed. We had found good quarters and thoughtful friends, and were getting reconciled, and it did not decrease our acquaintance in things inevitable to discover that the railroad company was paying our hotel bills, and that we were to be taken to a big fire, and about 2 o'clock an acceptable dinner. An hour later, after persistent efforts, our train was got into starting condition. We slept aboard, and were landed at the Byrd-Street depot at 6 o'clock last evening—twenty-one hours behind time; all well.

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OUR MILITARY FORCES.

REPORT OF ADJUTANT-GENERAL McDONALD.—OUR VOLUNTEER COMPANIES—HOW THEY ARE ARMED AND EQUIPPED—SOME SOLDIERS HAVE OVERCOATS FURNISHED AND SOME HAVE NOT.

Adjutant-General McDonald, in his report to the Governor just made and printed, says: "The body of the militia known as the 'reserve' remains 'unorganized.' The active militia consists of the following volunteer organizations:

1st. The First Virginia regiment, composed of seven companies, all of the city of Richmond, and numbering three field officers, six staff officers, twenty-three company officers, and three hundred and ninety-two non-commissioned officers and men. They are armed with four hundred breech-loading muskets, and supplied with a like number each of blankets, knapsacks, and canteens, and with thirty tents and twenty-five overcoats.

2d. The Richmond Howitzers, attached to the First regiment, and numbering four companies of officers, thirteen non-commissioned officers, and forty-five privates. Their arms consist of four three-inch rifle guns, two Whitworth guns, and sixty artillery sabres. They have the necessary apparatus for working their pieces, and as the Howitzers are a volunteer company, they have also ten sets of harness, and eight saddles and bridles.

3d. The Richmond City Guard, a detached company, numbering fifty-three men, rank and file, whose separate organization and distinctive uniform are authorized by a special act of the Legislature. They are armed with fifty breech-loaders, with no accoutrements or camp equipment.

4th. The Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, seventy-five strong. They have a battery of four guns (without caissons or harness) and sixty sabres. They have applied for and will be furnished muskets for infantry drill.

5th. The Norfolk City Guard, fifty-five strong, with fifty breech-loaders and accoutrements, forty-four blankets, and two hundred and fifty rounds of ball-cartridges.

6th. The Wise Light Infantry (Williamsburg), numbering fifty-five officers and men, armed with fifty breech-loaders, with accoutrements.

7th. The Petersburg Artillery Company, seventy-three strong, officers and men; has four twelve-pound brass Napoleon guns, with caissons, harness, wagon, forge, and fifty sabres.

8th. The Petersburg Grays, with fifty-five to sixty effective men, armed with breech-loaders and accoutrements.

9th. The Lynchburg Home Guards, fifty-eight rank and file, with forty-seven breech-loaders and accoutrements.

10th. The Danville Blues, of whose strength and equipment I am not informed. 11th. The Danville Grays, fifty-five rank and file, armed with breech-loaders.

12th. The Monticello Guards (Charlottesville), fifty-nine rank and file, armed with breech-loaders, and equipped with knapsacks, overcoats, tents, &c.

13th. The Warrenton Guards—a fine company, in Staunton, but whose exact strength I am unable to state.

14th. The Kemper Guards, of Amelia county, the only cavalry organization now in commission, numbering fifty officers and men, armed with sabres.

The following is the force of colored volunteers:

1st. The First battalion of colored infantry, composed of four companies—three of Richmond and one of Manchester—and numbering unitedly, officers and men, two hundred and thirty-one, armed with two hundred and twenty breech-loaders (altered), and supplied with one hundred and twenty knapsacks and one hundred and eighteen overcoats.

2d. The Lincoln Guard (late Attucks Guard, Jr.), of Richmond, numbering fifty-two, of whom twenty-five only are uniformed. They have received no arms from the State.

3d. The Langston Guard, of Norfolk, with an aggregate strength of eighty, supplied with fifty muskets and accoutrements, and sixty-three overcoats.

4th. The Virginia Guard, of Portsmouth, of whose strength and condition I am un-informed.

5th. The Libby Guard, Elizabeth City, inspected and commissioned, but not yet ready to be armed.

6th. A Petersburg company, commanded by Captain H. H. Smith, seventy-seven strong, armed with sixty breech-loaders and supplied with six overcoats.

Recapitulation.—Sixteen companies infantry, white; three companies artillery, white; one company cavalry, white; nine companies infantry, colored.

Then follows a list of the State's munitions of war.

HUSTINGS COURT, YESTERDAY.—Richard Braxton, charged with entering the stable of Wilson Braxton and stealing a bundle, was convicted, and sent to jail and labor for six months.

George Cosby, charged with a second offense of petit larceny, was tried and acquitted.

Dandridge Williams, for assaulting Mildred Williams, was convicted of unlawful assault, fined \$5, and sent to jail, with labor, for six months.

David Davis, charged with carrying concealed weapons, a *nolle prosequi* was entered on payment of costs.

David J. Childress, for assaulting William Murphy, was sent to jail for one month and fined one cent.